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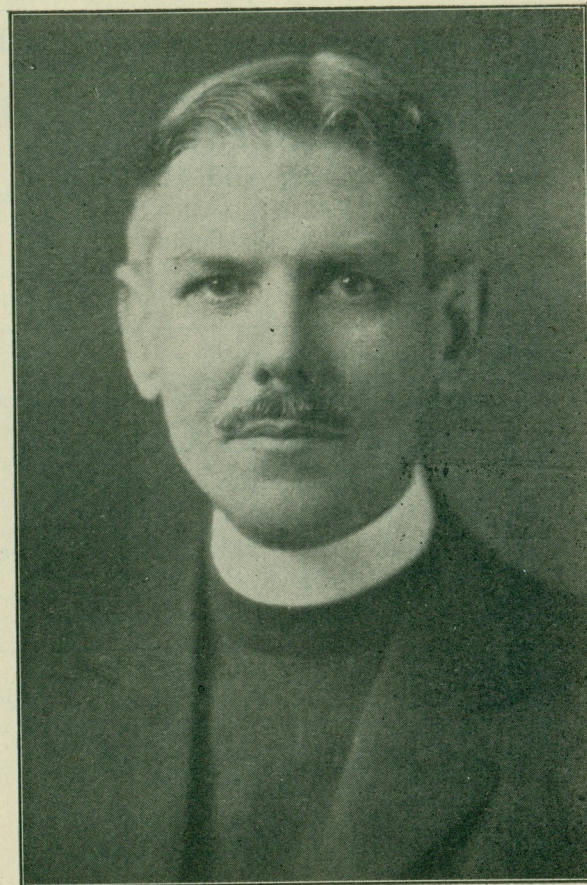
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4th Sunday of each month at 8.30 A. M.

Holy Days at 10.30 A. M.

Every Sunday

(See above for Celebrations of Holy Communion)

9.30 A. M.—Church School

11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer (or Holy Communion)
with Sermon.

7.30 P. M.—Evening Prayer with Sermon.

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Please observe that

The Pastor should always be consulted before arrangements are made for baptisms, marriages, or funerals at which he is expected to officiate.

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Fees are neither required nor expected for baptisms and funerals. The Sacraments and last rites of the Church are always gladly offered where God's Grace and Comfort be sought for.

If a thank offering on such occasions as "baptism" be given, it will be placed on the Altar as such.

St. Matthew's Slogan

"We must not only carry on but carry through."

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Dear Fellow-Workers and Friends of our Community:—

In the name of my Parishioners of St. Matthew's Mission and The Parish of The Church of The Messiah, Philadelphia, I am very happy in announcing the date set by our Bishop, for the laying of the corner stone of our new chapel building, to be All Saints' Day, November 1st, and the hour 3 P. M. It is our wish and hope that you will be present and join with us on this auspicious occasion.

Should you not know the location of our new church home, I will add that it is at the intersection of the Roosevelt Boulevard and Large Street.

As indicated on the cover of this little booklet, it comes to us all as a lasting souvenir of the corner stone laying, and so becomes identified with our history, after our new building is completed and in service.

Within the covers you will find data of interest regarding the work carried on, thereby obviating the need of any resume by me here. But I do call to your attention the schedule of our services as announced on the previous page, and extend a cordial welcome to everyone to worship with us now in our temporary chapel and to continue to do so when we shall occupy our new building.

I rejoice that St. Matthew's has been permitted by our Heavenly Father to prove of comfort, and to minister, not only to our own members, but to others in our community in hours of illness and bereavement; and may it ever be so.

I also desire to pay loving tribute to the memory of Bishop Garland, our beloved Diocesan, whose translation from this life on into Paradise occurred last March. To his loving interest and guidance we owe our birth as a Mission; and because of his gift of vision of the future, we now are about to enjoy the combined forces of our two congregations. May he grow from strength to strength unto that Perfect Life.

And to Bishop Taitt, our present Father in God and true Friend, we extend our loyal support and true affection, assuring him of our sincere appreciation of all the care and interest we are receiving at his hands. His place is always ready for him in our midst. Nor do we cease to value Dean Caley's never-failing assistance.

To all who have so loyally aided and supported me in my efforts to carry on God's work in this field, I want to

express my heartfelt appreciation, and I count on every one to carry on.

The future lies before us with great promise. The call now is for a renewal of our allegiance to God's service, and a real interest in making The Church of The Messiah a living heart that beats in loving sympathy for all God's children who feel the need of comfort and a guiding hand.

In closing, I ask our Community to regard our Church as such a friend, it being God's House and His representative; and our own members, that they hold high our slogan:—

"We must not only carry on, but carry through."

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Holy Communion—

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month 9.00 A. M.

Holy Days 10.30 A. M.

Church School—Every Sunday 9.30 A. M.

Evening Prayer (with sermon)—Every Sunday 7.30 P. M.

With the most cordial greetings:—

This little announcement finds its way to you with the news of the existence of The Chapel of St. Matthew's Mission of the Episcopal Church, temporarily located on premises

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and to furnish you with statement of the schedule Church Services.

Should you be at present without any church connections, or are not Episcopalian, we would be ever so happy to welcome you in our midst, where you may feel perfectly free to join in Holy Worship at our evening services. You will be heartily welcome, also, to the Adult Department of our Church School.

If you are an Episcopalian, you will, we feel sure, be happy to learn of a Chapel of The Church being located near to your home, and we trust, want to identify yourself with The Master's Work here at St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, D. D., Dean of the Convocation of Germantown, says that he would be glad for all the members of the Episcopal Church living in the neighborhood of Oxford Circle, Roosevelt Boulevard, to give all the support they can, both by their attendance and financially, to St. Matthew's Mission, affectionately spoken of as "The Baby Mission of the Diocese."

Wishing God's Blessing upon you and your loved ones,

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the Members and Friends of St. Matthew's Mission:—

Allow me first of all to assure everybody a most hearty welcome in our midst at Devotional services, and to extend to all in our community, at present without any church connection, my sincere invitation to identify yourself with St. Matthew's; and to all now residing in this section of our city, too remote from your former parish, to permit continued regular attendance, I express the hope that you will secure your transfer and become one of us.

Through God's help, this, our first year of existence as a Mission has been one of real achievement. Not only have we grown in numbers steadily, and received souls into God's Church through Baptism, and into full Communion of The Church by confirmation, but we have assured our place as a unit in the whole body of The Church, giving of our offerings toward the work of the General Church. I rejoice also that St. Matthew's has been permitted by our Heavenly Father to prove a comfort to others (not members) in hours of illness and bereavement; and may it ever be so.

It may be of interest to those who do not know, to make mention of the fact that the first devotions to God were held in St. Matthew's (temporary) Chapel on Sunday, September 23rd, 1928, when the Rev. Frances A. Gray, Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia, officiated as Priest-in-Charge. The first Celebration of the Holy Communion was on the first Sunday in November, 1928, and on Thanksgiving that service was well attended and the offering donated to the benefit of the Episcopal Hospital.

On December 1st, Rev. Mr. Gray assumed the Rectorship of a Parish in the Diocese of Maryland, and the Bishop appointed your present Pastor to shepherd you.

Through the medium of this issue of our first "Year Book," I want to express to each and every one of my co-workers my heartfelt appreciation of the splendid, loyal, and ready help and encouragement, which I have received at their hands. You all mean much to me, and my love goes out to you.

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To our Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor, we, of St. Matthew's Mission, extend our loyal support and true affection.

The new year opens with great promise, and we all are deeply conscious of the shadowy outline of our "coming" Chapel Building on our Boulevard site, hovering constantly above our thoughts.

The call now is for a renewal of our allegiance to God's service, and a real interest on the part of all our people.

In closing, I therefore, hold out high before us the last message spoken to The Church by our late Presiding Bishop, and which we, one and all, have adopted as St. Matthew's Solgan:—

"We must not only carry on, we must carry through."

Wishing you all happiness, and God's Blessing,

Faithfully and affectionately your Pastor,

WM. OSCAR ROOME, Jr.

INCIDENTS OF MERGER

Merger of St. Matthew's Mission with the Parish of The Church of The Messiah, advised by Bishop Garland, and the consolidated work to be continued in the new chapel on the Boulevard site, under the name of The Church of The Messiah.

Sale of the Old Messiah Church property was effected, and the proposed Merger assented to by both Congregations.

Last Service in the old Church of The Messiah was held in that building on Palm Sunday, 1929, and the church edifice deconsecrated.

St. Matthew's Mission was informed by Bishop Garland that it should continue on under its own name until the completion of the new church building (now under course of erection). Upon holding the first service of worship in the new Chapel, the Merger will be realized and the work be known as The Church of The Messiah.

Greeting extended by St. Matthew's Mission to the Parishioners of The Church of The Messiah.

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We "cheerfully" relinquish our name "St. Matthey's" in accepting the union with you all, and enroll ourselves under the name of your Parish. And we shall do our very best to co-operate with you in united efforts to make The Church of The Messiah still carry on strong for God in this new corner of His vineyard whence He has called us.

May I sound a bit of a personal note to you, and assure you of how truly I share with you your feelings of sentiment over the closing of your old Church Home? I, too, have a heartache over the sale of my old boyhood church, due to change of neighborhood. In this church I was reared from the infant class of the Church School until I was ordained to the Ministry.

But to you might I venture to say, you will still (in our new building) worship at the same hallowed Altar before which you have knelt and received God's Grace and Benediction. There will also be upon it the same Cross, and in the chancel the same furnishings. Your children shall have the same font for baptisms.

The old Parish, with its long faithful service of the past generation, is asked by the Diocese to assume the responsibility of ministering to the souls of God's children in this new location, with such a big challenge to service in His Name.

I do hope to have the real privilege of welcoming you into our midst and our worship; and I venture to ask you to defer your decision regarding your future church connections (if you feel any indecision) until you shall, alone with God, kneel and ask The Holy Spirit to make known to you if it be God's own wish that you continue on with The Messiah Parish as she continues to carry on for Him.

With every good wish for God's blessings upon you, and the word that a handclasp awaits to welcome you,

Faithfully yours,

WM. OSCAR ROOME, Jr., Pastor.

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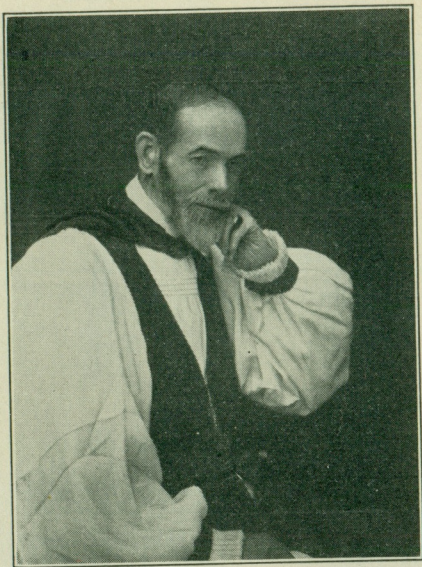
Bishop Garland designates St. Matthew's Mission as beneficiary of donations made in response to the January 1929 Call of The Diocesan Church Extension Fund.

This Call was made by Bishop Garland on Jan. 2, 1929.

In the Call this photograph was shown. It is now reproduced to preserve in memory a picture of the birthplace of St. Matthew's Mission.



Temporary Home of St. Matthew's Mission
at 5317 Oxford Avenue.



**A DEEP SORROW AND GREAT LOSS
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The death of our beloved Bishop and true friend,
Thomas J. Garland, D. D., occurred on Sunday,
March 1st, 1931.

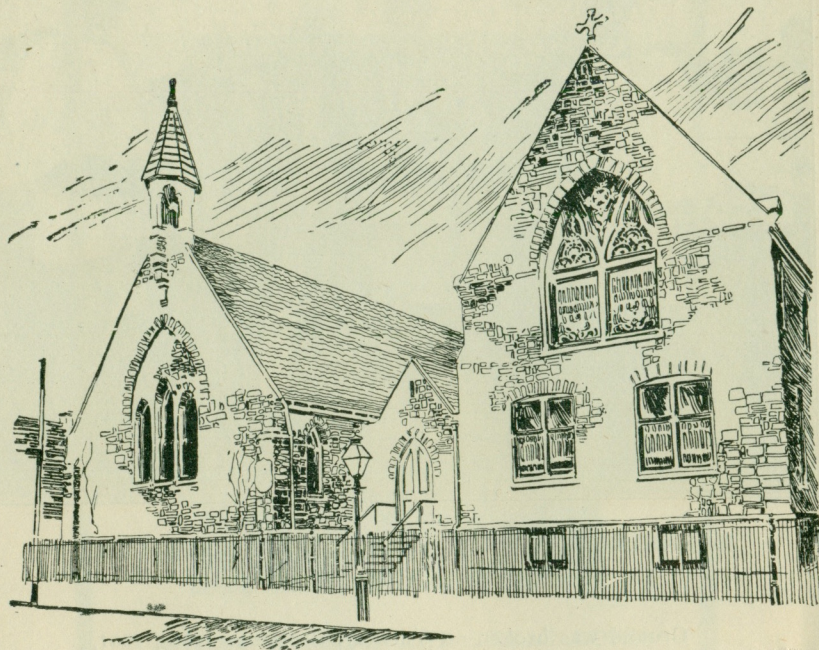


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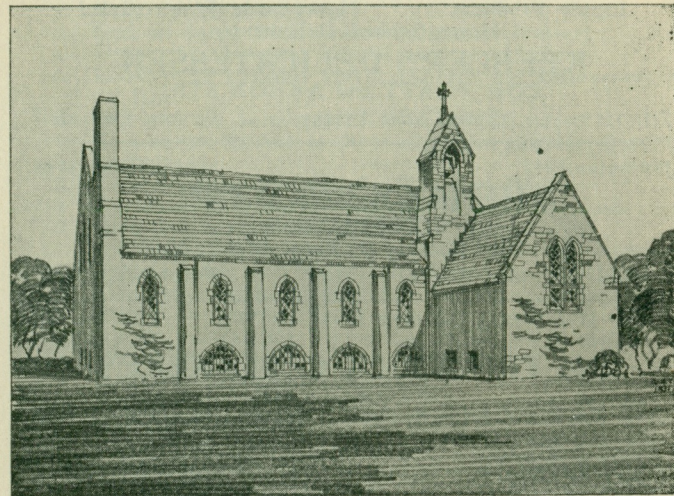
Ground was broken on Tuesday, September 10th, 1931,
by Bishop Taitt, which marked a happy event in the history
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